



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
**FOREST SERVICE**  
**OUACHITA NATIONAL FOREST**  
**ARKANSAS**

Notice is hereby given that the USDA, Forest Service is offering the enclosed listing of quartz mineral parcels for competitive sale pursuant to Section 323 of P.L. 100-446 and 36 CFR 228C.

**LOCATION:** This sale is being administered by the District Ranger for the following Ranger District of the Ouachita National Forest. Sealed bids must be submitted to:

Mailing address, or to deliver in person:

District Ranger  
Caddo/Womble Ranger District  
1523 Hwy 270 E  
Mt. Ida, AR 71957  
ATTN: Quartz Sale

Telephone: (870) 867-2101

Questions concerning this sale should be directed to the above address, or e-mail Andrew McCormick (Forest Geologist) at: [andrew.t.mccormick@usda.gov](mailto:andrew.t.mccormick@usda.gov).

**TIME:**

For sale parcels "OQC-275" and "OQC-277", sealed bids must be received either by mail or in person at the above address prior to 1300 (1 PM) CST on **Thursday, November 5, 2020**. All bids received by that time will be opened in the Ranger District Office. The public is invited to attend.

**LANDS OFFERED:** This is not a lands sale. This is a sale of federal quartz minerals on the Ouachita National Forest in Arkansas, through which the purchaser obtains a "contract" allowing exclusive rights to explore for and if found, develop the quartz mineral estate within the parcel under the conditions specified through the environmental analysis and decision, the standard minerals stipulation, and any special operating conditions or stipulations. A complete listing of the parcels and their legal descriptions are attached with this notice. Persons interested in bidding on these parcels are advised to first contact the Ranger District for any special operating stipulations and restrictions that may apply.

**MINIMUM BID:** Minimum bid for any parcel is \$50.

**TERMS OF PURCHASE:** Contracts are issued for 5 year periods. Contract fees are set at \$5, \$10, \$20, \$40, and \$50 per parcel acre for each consecutive year in the initial 5 year contract period. Contracts can be extended for additional 5 year periods and the fees are \$50/acre/year. An annual administrative fee of 15% will be collected over and above the annual contract fees.

**METHOD OF BIDDING:**

- For sale parcel "OQC-275" and "OQC-277", a bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope, and clearly marked "QUARTZ SALE". The name, address, and telephone number of the bidder, and the parcel number(s) being bid on must be clearly printed or typed on the enclosed bid form or copy thereof and included with the bid. A person may bid on more than one parcel, but a separate bid form and bid must be submitted in a separate envelope for each parcel being bid on. The bid amount is based on the parcel and not the acres. Bids must be in the form of money order, bank drafts, cashier's or certified checks made payable to: "U.S.D.A. Forest Service", or secured by bonds acceptable to the Forest Service, in the full amount of the bid. Cash can not be submitted. If more than one parcel is being bid on, a separate money order, certified check or bank draft must be submitted for each parcel and clearly marked with the parcel number.

**DETERMINATION OF WINNING BID:** The winning bid for a parcel will be the highest bid. In case of a tie bid for the sale of parcel "OQC-275" and "OQC-277", oral bidding will be initiated between the tie bidders if the bidders are present, or will be selected by lots in the absence of any tie bidder. Bids from unsuccessful bidders will be promptly returned. The contract will be issued by the District Ranger to the successful bidder.

**OPERATING CONDITIONS:** After the contract is issued, the purchaser must submit an operating plan to the District Ranger for review and approval before any operation can start. Operations must be conducted in accordance with the Forest Plan, standard stipulation (attached), special stipulations, and any other stipulations, conditions, or requirements identified through additional environmental analysis that may become necessary. The purchaser will develop a reclamation and erosion control plan to be approved by the District Ranger, and a reclamation bond may be required. NOTE: Parcels may have special operating conditions that may be considered restrictive by a prospective bidder. Interested bidders are encouraged to first contact the appropriate Ranger District office to obtain stipulations and operating conditions on parcels.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS PROCESS:** NEPA Analysis has been completed and is available at the Caddo/Womble Ranger District in Mt. Ida, AR.

**THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO:**

1. Withdraw any parcel from sale prior to when the contract is issued. Bids for parcels that must be withdrawn will be promptly refunded.
2. Assign or deny parcels from high bidders whose accumulated parcel acreage on the Forest exceeds 240 acres, such determination based on maximizing the revenue returns. The remaining parcels will be awarded to the next highest bidder.

**UNSOLD PARCELS:** Any unsold parcels are cancelled. The lands within unsold parcels can be renominated as new parcels. The District Ranger will decide if a new environmental analysis is necessary.

**STANDARD MINERALS STIPULATION**

The purchaser (contract holder) must comply with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture set forth at Title 36, Chapter II, of the Code of Federal Regulations governing the use and management of the National Forest System (NFS). The Secretary of Agriculture's rules and regulations must be complied with for (1) all use and occupancy of the NFS prior to approval of an operation plan, (2) uses of all existing improvements, such as Forest development roads, within and outside the contracted area, and (3) use and occupancy of the NFS not authorized by an operating plan. Operations will be conducted in accordance with the Forest Plan. All matters related to this stipulation are to be addressed to the District Ranger responsible for issuing the contract, who is the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Telephone: (870) 867-2101  
District Contact: Chip Stokes, District NEPA Planner  
[chip.stokes@usda.gov](mailto:chip.stokes@usda.gov)

Parcel “**OQC-275**” T2S R23W Section 6: S½SWNWNW, T2S R24W Section 1 S½SENE Containing 10 acres (Fig. 1)

- No mining operations may take place on lands within the 1.21 acres Stream Bufferzone (Fig. 1).
- Based on the irregular pattern of areas excluded from mining operations due to the Stream Bufferzone (Fig. 1), for billing purposes this contract will only be considered as being 8.79 acres.
- The Ouachita National Forest Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, has designated this tract as being within Management Area 16 (MA-16—Lands Surrounding Lake Ouachita and Broken Bow Lake). As such, there cannot be more than 2 acres of unreclaimed lands (excluding access roads) at any one time.

Additional Special Stipulations may apply. Contact the Caddo-Womble Ranger District for specific information.

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### **FOR PARCEL “OQC-275” PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR BID**

I am submitting the following bid for Parcel \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger District:

The bid I am submitting for this Parcel is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Bids must be in the form of a Money Order, Bank Draft, Cashier's or Certified check made payable to the “U.S.D.A., Forest Service”.*

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** A separate bid form and bid must be submitted in a separate envelope for each parcel being bid on. Additional copies can be obtained from the Ranger District Office if needed, or copied from this page. The bid amount you enter on this form must equal the dollar amount of the bid you actually submit.

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Parcel "OQC-277" T2S R24W Section 4: S½SWSWSW, S½SESWSW, N½SESWSW, Containing 15 acres  
(Fig. 2)

- No mining operations may take place on lands within the 4.34 acres Stream Bufferzone (Fig. 2).
- Based on the irregular pattern of areas excluded from mining operations due to the Stream Bufferzone (Fig. 2), for billing purposes this contract will only be considered as being 10.66 acres.

Additional Special Stipulations may apply. Contact the Caddo-Womble Ranger District for specific information.

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### **FOR PARCEL "OQC-277" PLEASE FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR BID**

I am submitting the following bid for Parcel \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ Ranger District:

The bid I am submitting for this Parcel is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Bids must be in the form of a Money Order, Bank Draft, Cashier's or Certified check made payable to the "U.S.D.A., Forest Service".*

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE:** A separate bid form and bid must be submitted in a separate envelope for each parcel being bid on. Additional copies can be obtained from the Ranger District Office if needed, or copied from this page. The bid amount you enter on this form must equal the dollar amount of the bid you actually submit.

(sale 23)

**If you wish to remain on, or be placed on, the mailing list for the next Quartz Sale Notice on the Ouachita National Forest please fill in the below information and return this sheet to:**

**Ouachita National Forest  
Supervisor's Office  
c/o Minerals  
PO Box 1270  
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902**

I would like to remain or be placed on the Quartz Sale Notification mailing list:\_\_\_\_\_

Please remove me from the mailing list:\_\_\_\_\_

**Please PRINT your name and address:**

**NAME:**\_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING ADDRESS:**\_\_\_\_\_

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*If you wish to remain on the mailing list and your address changes, you will need to mail us at the above address and clearly noting that your address has changed, what your new mailing address is, and that you would like to remain on the mailing list for the next quartz sale.*



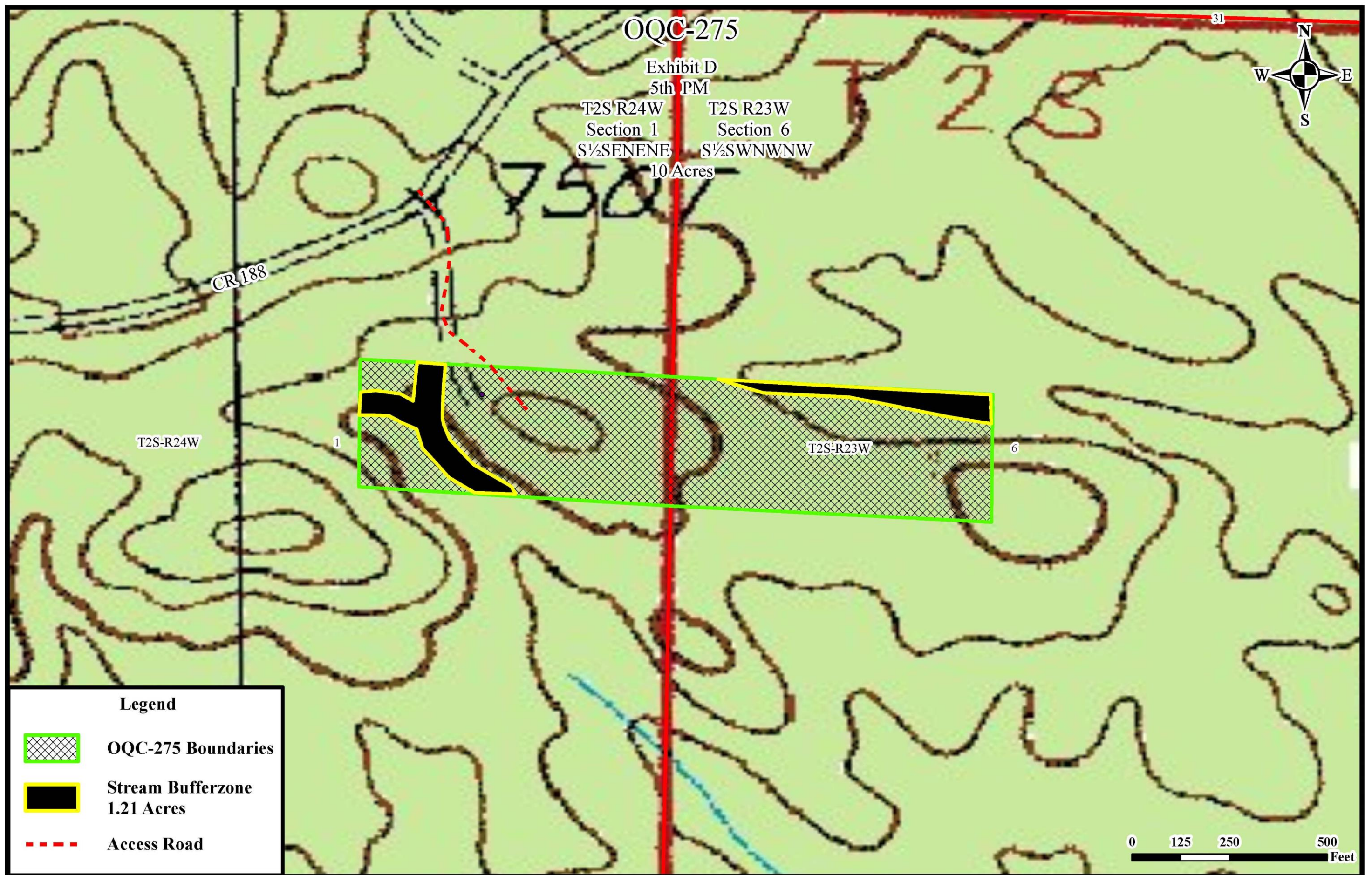


Figure 1. OQC-275



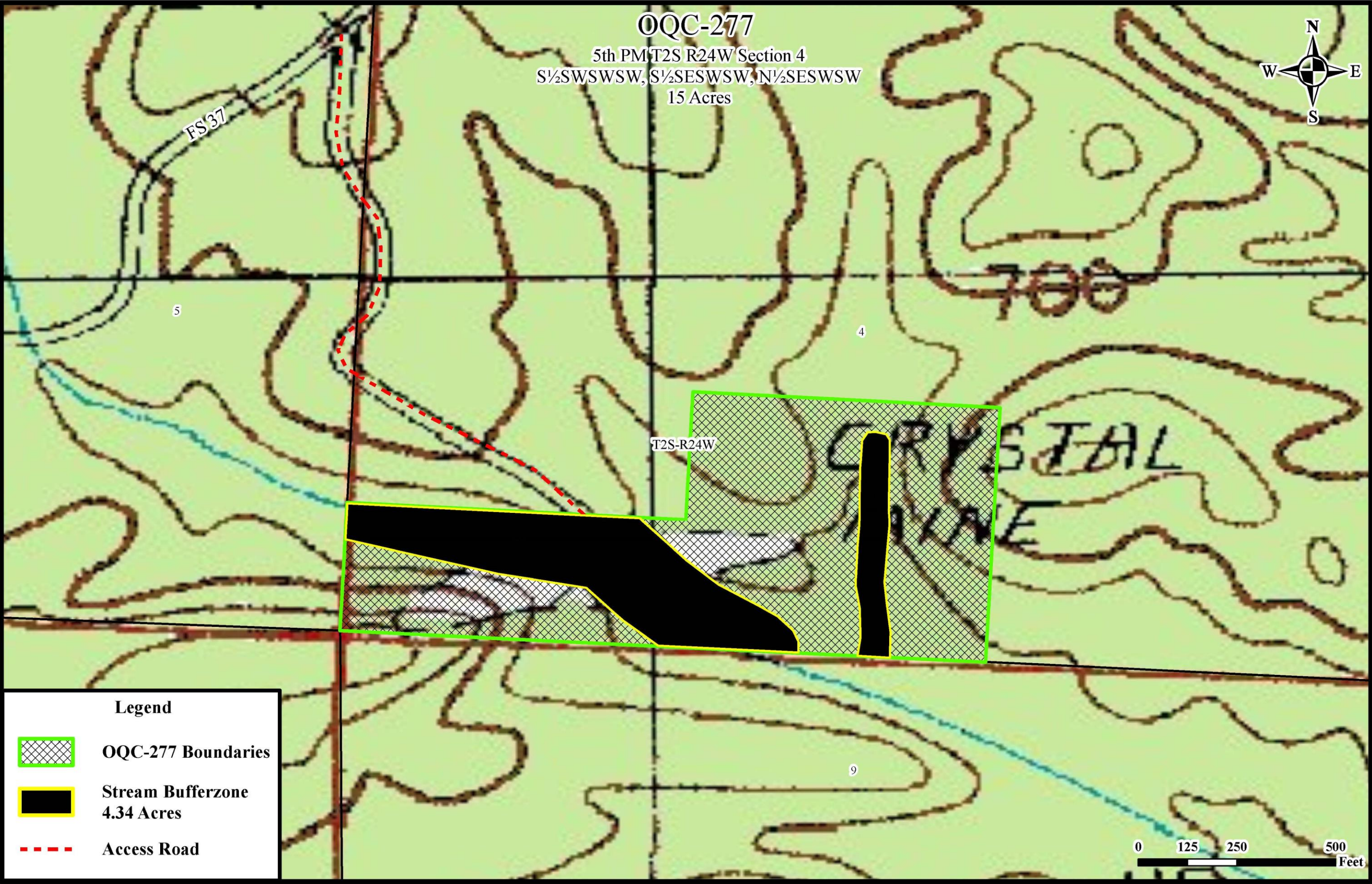


Figure 2. OQC-277